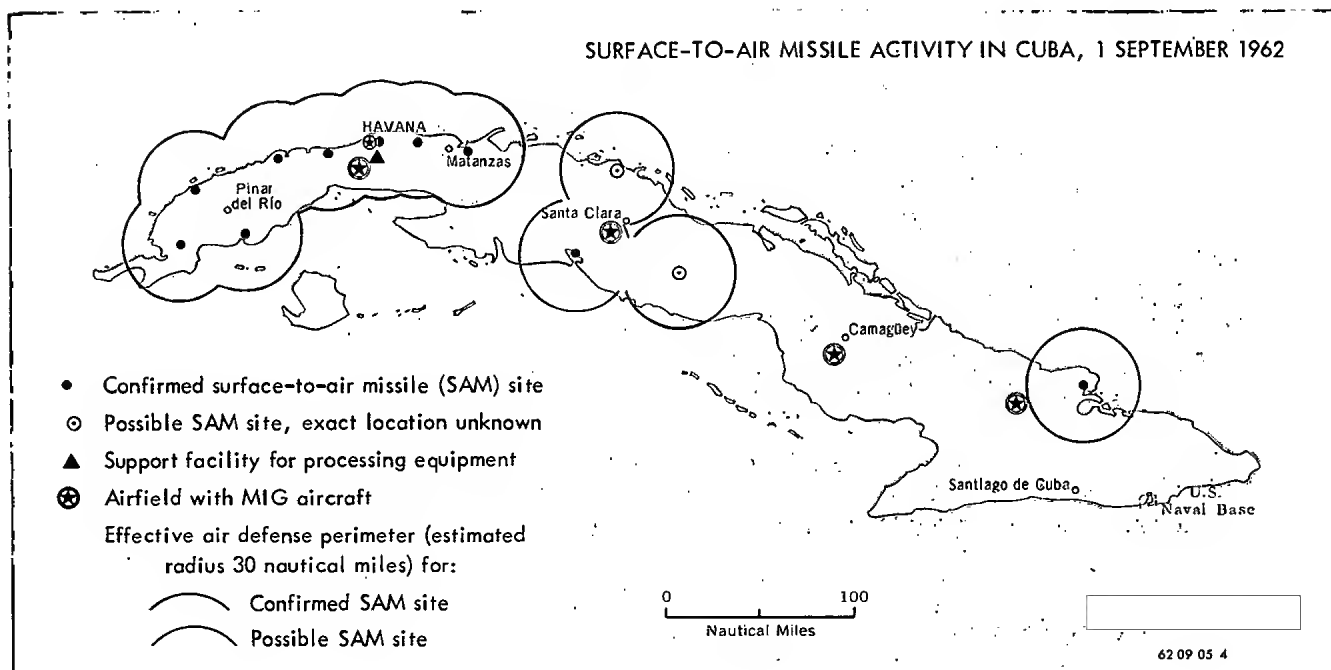


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cuba

a. Nine SA-2 sites have now been firmly identified in the western one third of the island and it is highly probable that work on a similar installation is under way at at least one site in Oriente Province.

b. [redacted]
[redacted] the military forces have begun to relax their alert. [redacted]

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c. A number of the NATO delegates--the Belgian, German, UK, Norwegian, Italian and French--have expressed understanding of the US position on the chartering of ships by their nationals for the delivery of Bloc goods to Cuba, but the consensus is that we will face difficulties in trying to persuade their governments to take preventive action.

2. Berlin

a. The East Germans may be leading up to formal action affirming their sovereignty over East Berlin and the right to regulate Western access.

b. Since returning from the USSR late last week, Ulbricht has made some of the moves which could be expected as a prelude to such action. His party politburo met on Tuesday, and there are indications that the parent central committee will be convoked late this week. [redacted]

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c. After this it would remain for the Peoples' Chamber to meet to pass the necessary legislation.

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3. Laos

a. The Laotian cabinet decision on Tuesday to recognize Communist China, East Germany and North Vietnam is bound to stir up a diplomatic tempest.

b. With a Chinese Nationalist ambassador already accredited in Vientiane, the next move should be up to Peiping, which has never before agreed to dual representation, but Taipei could solve the Communists' dilemma by withdrawing on its own.

c. Through this action Laos is on the way to becoming the first non-Communist country to recognize East Germany and is inviting both diplomatic and economic retaliation from Bonn, which has been contemplating an aid offer.

NOTES

- A. Brazil Both Goulart and his parliamentary foes are preparing for another test of strength over the issue of presidential powers when the Congress reconvenes next Monday. With an atmosphere of crisis building again, the government's single-minded concentration on the issue is preventing constructive action on other domestic affairs.
- B. Cambodia The official Thai reply to Sihanouk's proposal for an international conference, though acrimonious in tone, is less so than past Thai outbursts and seems to point toward a more constructive Thai stand on the maintenance of Cambodian neutrality.
- C. USSR Secretary Udall is scheduled to meet with Khrushchev today at Sochi on the Black Sea.
- D. Algeria As fighting continues to flare, Ben Bella and the leader of the rebellious guerrilla forces are joining in an effort to persuade their followers to abide by their ceasefire agreement.

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